

Energy Efficiency Rebate Program Launched

Program will help Hoosiers replace furnaces, boilers, hot water heaters

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(Indianapolis)---Lt. Governor Becky Skillman today announced the availability of rebates that will help Hoosiers offset the cost of heating their homes, washing clothes or even taking a shower. The Indiana Residential Energy Efficiency Rebate program will provide cash rebates for the purchase and installation of energy efficient furnaces, boilers and water heaters in existing Indiana homes.

"This rebate program is all about Hoosiers making a difference at home," said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman. "Installing a more energy efficient furnace or water heater means homeowners can reduce the amount of energy they use to stay warm or have hot water, and save money on their utility bill at the same time."

A total of \$250,000 is available for the rebate program, which is being administered by the Indiana Office of Energy Development. Funding for the program was provided by the U.S. Department of Energy.

"This is not the only incentive to become more energy efficient at home," said Brandon Seitz, Director of the Indiana Office of Energy Development. "This program, in combination with other state and federal incentives, and incentives provided by many utilities will significantly increase the number of Hoosiers who can afford to upgrade their homes."

The rebates, which range from \$75 to \$400, are available for existing single family homes that are the primary residence of the applicants. Applicants must have a household income of \$75,000 or less to be eligible for the rebate program. The equipment must be purchased and installed between January 20 and April 30, 2009 Applications must be received by April 30, 2009 to be considered. The guidelines for the rebate program are available for download at www.energy.IN.gov.

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The Office of Energy Development (OED) was created in December 2005 as an extension of the Indiana energy office. Under the leadership of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, OED is responsible for the state's energy policy. For more information visit www.energy.in.gov.

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